

Dray Truck Replacement Program Now Accepting New Applications

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The Port of Baltimore Dray Truck Replacement Program is once again open to new applicants, thanks to a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Dray trucks are large diesel vehicles used to haul freight from port facilities to local distribution points. Many are older vehicles with high emission rates. The program provides up to \$30,000 to owners and operators of short-haul dray trucks to purchase newer, cleaner trucks that meet or exceed 2010 EPA emission certified engine standards.

The vehicle being replaced must be scrapped so that it will not remain in service and create pollution.

To qualify for the program, trucks must:

- Be registered in Maryland
- Be in working condition
- Have no more than one million miles on the odometer
- Currently serve the Port of Baltimore
- Be a model year between 1990 and 2003

Applications are prioritized through a set of criteria that includes the age of the truck and the number of trips it takes to and from the Port of Baltimore.

For program and application details, visit the [Port of Baltimore Dray Truck Replacement Program](http://portofbaltimoredraytruckreplacementprogram.info/) web site [hyperlink to <http://portofbaltimoredraytruckreplacementprogram.info/>] or call the program hotline at 410.205.2730.

The Dray Truck Replacement Program has been operating since 2009 with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Maryland Port Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation, and Maryland Department of the Environment.

To date, the program has replaced 82 dray trucks with cleaner models, reducing annual air emissions by approximately 90 tons of nitrogen oxides, 24 tons of carbon monoxide, four tons of particulate matter, and three and a half tons of hydrocarbons.

The 2014 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected to replace approximately 22 additional trucks.